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FIRST NAVAL ENGAGEMENT.

The engagement off Heligoland is the first actual clash of the naval forces of Great Britain and Germany, and the result unquestionably tells why the German fleet has remained at ease and disposed to refrain from testing out its sea strength. Details are lacking as to the circumstances surrounding the encounter but the facts indicate its decisiveness.

Between the naval forces of Great Britain and Germany there is no doubt as to which is the more powerful. The failure of Germany to bring its fleet into action before this speaks for itself. The odds on the water are vastly against the Kaiser and with his navy bottled up British and French ships have succeeded in sweeping the seas of German shipping. Its commerce has been paralyzed and such a master of vital importance to the German empire.

Because of the strategic positions which Germany controls, together with the valuable Kiel canal, the invasion of the Baltic sea and the landing of forces from that direction has been prevented, otherwise the fleet has taken no active part in the war because of the inferiority of fighting strength. The first venture from its haven brings disaster of a kind which supports the good judgment which has been previously used in keeping it under cover. It likewise explains, as nothing else can, why such a seclusion has been considered wise in the past.

UNTRAINED DIPLOMATS.

Many are the justified objections to the method this country uses in the filing of diplomatic posts, places where it does the responsibility of properly looking after the interests of this country upon new and inexperienced shoulders every few years, but the present situation in Europe, where war conditions prevail and where the representatives of this country are being looked to to assume the responsibility of other embassies, points out the importance of having trained diplomats in foreign capitals.

Difficultly enough is presented for those thoroughly familiar with the duties, through experience and training, but it can be readily understood how great is the handicap for an ambassador who is called upon to take up his office at such a time, and what the character of such service can be expected to be, efficient and able though the minister is. The trust of the responsibility must fall upon the embassy employees and not upon the one who should be the master mind in control of the nation's affairs abroad, and all because it is impossible to throw overboard and train that long standing method of payment of party debts when it comes to filling such important positions. A system which most any other nation maintains requires the proper amount of service and training for its diplomats but in this country the system of spoils is what governs. Today in European capitals this country has only untrained men, with the exception of Paris and the change is about to take place there.

WHAT WILL TURKEY DO?

What is Turkey going to do relative to the European war? is a question of vital concern just at this time, because of the effect which its action can have upon the Mediterranean and Balkan countries. What Turkey is inclined to do is indicated by the course of events and whether it will be possible through diplomatic representations to influence her to declare war, or to continue her neutrality rests with the future.

Pressure is being brought to bear by both sides and that empire is apparently reviewing the possibilities and consequences. Smarting under the loss of its islands and other territory in the Balkan war the disposition to regain them from Greece has led to

preparations for sometime with important strengthening of both navies. That Great Britain considered it wise, under its rights to take over the large battleship being completed for Turkey in English yards aroused feeling, all of which has been recognized by Germany, even resulting in the deal whereby the two German cruisers have been given protection in Turkish waters under the guise of purchase. Such are straws showing how the wind blows.

The entrance of Turkey into the war would mean the participation of Greece, the Balkan states and probably Italy, to say nothing of the treatment of foreigners now in that country. There is plenty of unrest which Turkey can easily fan into conflict if she desires, or by her neutrality one corner is likely to remain at peace.

PARIS AND BERLIN.

The invading armies of Europe are engaged in a mighty contest, Germany being headed for Paris and Russia for Berlin, and it remains to be seen which force will reach its objective point first. Because of its quick mobilization and facilities for moving troops Germany appears planned to strike quick and hard through Belgium reach its goal and return in time to give the necessary opposition to the millions of Russians. The Belgians did their best to break up the programme and now the allied forces of France and Great Britain are engaged in preventing the German army from descending upon Paris, with varying success. Nearly a month has been occupied by the Kaiser's troops in reaching their present position.

Such might have but little significance and be considered sufficient progress but for the fact that Russia has furnished a tremendous surprise through the haste with which it has mobilized a powerful part of its army and is marching through East Prussia and Galicia with Posen and Berlin as their objective points. Thus the large Russian force has been put into action, and has met with slight resistance until portions of it are almost equidistant from Berlin as the Germans are from Paris. The German invaders are not prepared for a return to native soil as yet though every day adds to the difficulties of maintenance while Russia is continually adding to its army of invasion and pressing forward. The race for the capitals in the meaning is furnishing one of the bloodiest wars that Europe has ever known and the Grim Reaper is claiming some of its best men.

FRANCE'S NEW CABINET.

Swapping horses in the middle of the stream is not looked upon as good policy especially where matters of great importance are involved, but the change in the French cabinet at this time is a move which has strengthened instead of weakened that important body.

The necessity of having the strongest cabinet possible was recognized in the crisis which the country faces and the peaceful dissolution of the old and the creation of the new has been accomplished through the general understanding of the country's needs. It was no time for standing out on party lines. Common cause is at stake and the union of party forces is the best method of handling the situation.

Thus has France secured the help of some of its master minds when they are most needed, bringing to its aid as it does the experience and wisdom of its former prime ministers, Ribot, Briand and Doumergue and the ability of statesmen like Millerand and Decaux. For the former cabinet to give way to such men was only a proper recognition of superior strength and knowledge in the handling of the nation's affairs. It is a time when France needs the combined skill of its great men regardless of political lines and it appears to have gone about it in the right manner to obtain it. Patriotism solidifies and brings out the best in the nation.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

William Sulzer has thrown his hat into Oyster Bay, whether it was welcomed or not.

Tourists are returning with the usual large crop of stories about being "done" in Europe.

The price of war is great. Boston has just learned that it will get no opera this winter.

It is about time for Jack Frost's press agent to announce the date for his opening fall appearance.

Senator Spillacy of Hartford talks as if he had at some time or other been spanked by the governor.

The people of Mexico, including the leaders, ought to know that the watchful waiting sign hasn't been removed.

While Europeans are fighting each other in mortal combat, Americans are soon going to get satisfaction on the gridirons.

The man on the corner says: There are two sides to every question, except in Europe where there's half a dozen or more.

It is strange what a large number of people are beginning to realize the value of having adequate army and naval protection.

It seems to have taken sometime for the citizens here through an understanding with his new candidate for the New York governorship.

For countries which have begun to get hardened to the passing of a day without an ultimatum or a declaration of war presents something of a novelty.

The country to a man will agree that such a brief vacation as President Wilson has decided to take is only a small part of what he deserves in justice to his health.

A great load will be lifted from the minds of the schoolchildren by the announcement that most school teachers will be back from Europe in time for the opening of school.

Between their duty at Washington and efforts for reelection at home, the prospects of losing that fall day will arouse a new burst of patriotism among many congressmen.

When Joseph Alsop declines the use of his name in the primary for governor he realizes two things. It is an impossibility for a progressive to be elected and whatever votes are attracted to that ticket contributes so much to the success of the democratic party.

THE MAN WHO TALKS

Some one has inquired "What is the use of a strong appetite with a weak stomach?" Its best use is to test the power of the mind and the will under such a condition to bring order from disorder, to set up an amicable relation where destruction is threatening and to make good digestion wait on appetite, and health on both. Appetite is the handmaid of habit and habit the partner of a good decision. Well, the glutton and the drunkard are its victims, and some believe a strong appetite is a distributor of disease, and of both conditions. One of the best declared is "heaven's first law" and as Stoutheart points out: "Order is the sanity of the mind, the health of the body, the peace of the city, the security of the state. As the beams to a house, as the bones to the body, so is order to all things." To control appetite is to make the mind the master of the body, and to the position of some of God's

Isn't it curious what a feeling of pity we have for the people who do not agree with us? We do not spiritually or mentally see things as we do? There is no reason why a difference of opinion should lower our opinion of one another, or prevent us from acting upon our emotions. It is apparent enough that man was not designed to harmonize in thought for 153 Christians in the world are enough to make this apparent. The best man finds himself today of a different opinion from what he was yesterday. Tomorrow he will present the intellect, and like for they are dissipated by the heat of reason. Few opinions are so solidly predicated as they are upon the basis of emotion. The opinion which puffs a man up has been compared to the wind which distends a bladder. Emotion is master of reason and this the world with them. Reason knocks them out.

There really need not be any servant girl problem. The servant girl is right there is no problem. It is highly important both should know their place and keep it, that both should know their duties and attend to them, and that each should have their hours and seldom be denied their leisure. The master should not so act as to oppress the servant she regards her as being no better than a serf, and the servant should show sufficient respect to her master to make her feel that in her eyes she did amount to a little more than the fifth wheel of a coach. It is the attitudes neither party will stand for will solve the servant girl problem. The servant girl has the same right to know what is expected of her as the shop-girl or the factory girl. It is her duty to service and to time are important, and the regulations must be as faithfully honored by mistress as by maid.

The servant girl problem is one of arrogance and ignorance on one side and inefficiency and ignorance on the other.

It is a recognized truth that an ounce of Christianity is worth a pound of law, but it is forgotten the moment anger gets the best of us, and this truth is as true as the fact that it should be we should never refer to the millions of the law for there wouldn't be any. All that makes law is the human weakness. It is not so much disrespect for the law but disrespect for one another that makes trouble for men and business for the courts. The court knows two-thirds of the cases on the dockets are split cases—it would be safe to call them fool cases—for more than they come to and make the clients poor and the lawyers rich. It is surprising church members and also church organizations do not go to their Bibles and find the way to righteous settlement of troubles, but they find it easier and more satisfactory to employ counsel to fight the case out to test the Lord's way. They lack the faith which would make them whole; and do not seek the truth which would make them free. A chance of Christianity will always prove its own worth if given but half a chance.

It takes patience and a sharp eye to discover the habits of insects. It took a Henri Fabre to find out many of the abject entomologists had been too superficial in their observations. He saw the butterfly sucking the honey from the flowers, but are we sure of all that? I noticed yesterday that a bee had dashed first inserted his tube into a flower and then moved his wings down as we push a pump handle as if to lift the fluid into its mouth. It did not do this every time it sounded the depths of a flower. It seemed as though he did not move his wings when he found the nectar but drew it up by his proboscis. He found it did hold fluid vessels for himself. Some eminent scientists hold the view that butterflies are careful consumers of nectar. They are not. They are simply carrying pollen from plant to plant as a sort of compensation for the honey obtained. The butterfly earns his living by distributing pollen to flowers, thus giving them new life, new forms, new colors and a new beauty.

Someone has said "If folks treated their friends as they treat their stomachs they would have no friends." This is true, for you know statistics show most folks have no friends because of their gluttony. Intemperance is our commonest and most disastrous fault. A careful writer would have used indiscretion, it doesn't fill the bill. Gluttony is the word. These inoffensive synonyms are quarter inch screws in half inch holes—too loose to be effective. Good sermons are too loose because the preacher thinks it wiser to nurse sores than to lance them—good editorials are weakened because the word used is not the word needed. It may not be right to pass hot pennies to an inoffensive monkey, neither is it business to put a chill into hot ideas for fear you may shock the sensitive. Many a gourmand thinks he is good enough to become an angel when in physical proportions he most resembles the hog. It is to teach the world what a sin it is to abuse our stomachs and how man suffers because of it.

A friend said to me once: "Don't teach the things you don't believe yourself." I wasn't conscious I ever had done so, but I couldn't help asking myself if it is wise to teach the things we do believe ourselves. What is belief, anyway? We hear a great deal of talk about belief. Belief is not knowledge, and yet your belief may be your religion. Perhaps as good a thing as has been said about belief is this: "What you believe will depend very much upon what you know." Belief is like a step at the door of knowledge—at the bar of justice who is asked to believe—the child who believes in "What do you know?" Belief is power, but knowledge is. The church as a whole believes in Christ, because it knows the precepts he taught were divine. This is where knowledge made the foundation of belief. But man believes easily what he hopes for, and this belief is a spur to action. Some men believe in everything that is popular, and vote for everything that is popular, and vote for

HAVE NO FEAR ABOUT THE DULL ONES

(Written Specially for The Bulletin.)

If you have a boy or a girl who appears to be dull, do not compare them in your mind with bright children who are the pride of their parents and teachers. There is a place in the world for all, and the bright boy does not always make a great man, or the charming girl a brilliant society lady. The dull boy has a chance to accomplish more than was expected of him, and the girl who seems worthy of the charming boy often makes a most serviceable woman.

Never despair because your son or daughter is not in the academic classes. Precocity is usually overvalued and the lack of it too seriously demeaned.

It is an excellent parental practice to praise the good qualities of children and to be kind to seeing faults. Do not be conscious of what the child cannot do, but be fully alive to everything of merit he can accomplish.

The best qualities of manhood have to be developed slowly, hence they do not manifest themselves in childhood. There are many impediments in the

path to fame. The tastes which seem to foreshadow special efficiency or skill are frequently misleading. Demosthenes showed that a stammering boy could become a great orator, and no one would have thought the pug-nosed boy who carried his father's dinner to the quarry was to make the greatest philosopher the world has ever known, as Socrates.

Isaac Newton and Charles Lamb were at the foot of the class in school when they were not wearing a dunce's cap. The juvenile dunces who have become famous in this world make a long list of names.

What is greatness at best? Have you not realized that a man may be a great scholar, a great general, a great inventor, a great ruler or statesman, and know little happiness? Being great does not bring to man what the soul most yearns for. The popular admiration which begins vanity causes men to lose qualities which are most desirable—the candor and humility and honesty and love which tell for something more dependable and satisfying.

Do not worry about that boy or girl who is not in the academic classes. They are not doing so well in methods which are senseless and cruel in your attempt to cure them, for it has become a habit. The heart promptings are gentleness; nothing so gentle as real strength.

Do not deplore that your child is slow. He may be blessed, which is better.

Audubon was thrown out into the world at 12 years of age to make his own way. He and Humboldt, the great botanist, never knew there was such a word as botany in the dictionary until he was 19 years of age. It is neither the parents nor the school which give direction and energy to life. It is love which inspires the soul to high endeavor—love which concentrates the mind in its singleness of purpose.

A love for industry, for knowledge for mechanics, for science, for art, for power of every kind stirs the mind to purposeful thought and the hand and hand to skillful action. What money cannot buy poverty cannot hold in abeyance. What the heart prompts knowledge and money may aid in promoting.

Many a boy who has failed to win his diploma on Monday day, has later in life had it sent to him as an exhibit of the school which denied him a diploma recognized that it honored itself by recognizing his later attainments.

Harvard is honored by having Thoreau's name among its graduates, but he was poor he could not pay five dollars for a diploma, and he also averred a thing worth should not be paid for at a special price. He was the only graduate who ever de-

clared Harvard's diploma was not worth five dollars. Time proved that Thoreau was worth as much to Harvard as Harvard was to him.

It is not often that the gifted child is endowed with common sense. He gets into an uncommon relation to his fellows, is favored with an uncommon amount of admiration and

SUNDAY MORNING TALK

BENEATH THE SURFACE.

The other day we were watching some wonder boats racing close hauled in a fresh west wind. They leaped far over until lee rails were submerged and, in some cases, water must have been taken aboard. They seemed to look once or twice as though the slender craft would capsize. "They're going over this time sure," my friend, a stranger to the coast, exclaimed as an extra heavy gust struck the fleet and the masts careened over at a dangerous angle with the water.

A few days later the next day one of these yachts on the ways at a boat yard and understood why it had been able to stand up in half a gale. The hull above water was slender and delicate in structure; but underneath was a deep keel with an immense junk of lead on the bottom of it. Hundreds of pounds of lead were piled up of sight beneath the surface and that was why the boat had kept steady. The billowing sails could not pull that weight over, try as they might.

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OTHER VIEW POINTS

The price of meat dropped in New York yesterday, but the reason for it is not known. There is a suspicion that housewives have quit buying, as the males have decided that it is no longer pay to do it. If the demand for meat decreases the price is bound to fall.—New Britain Herald.

Chester's reformatory is acquiring a reputation for escapes as well as for baseball talent, but then, even the

praise, and is loaded up with an uncommon amount of self-esteem. This unpromising boy or girl of yours may have so many misgivings about may live to show you that precocity and what the world counts as greatness pales before those qualities of honor and thrift which will make the boy or the girl who so distressed you in the beginning of their lives for lack of brilliancy the support and joy of your later life and the real comfort of your old age.

It is not so much what the world thinks of your boy or girl as what that boy or girl becomes to you that counts. Praise the children's good points, be chary about making depressing suggestions concerning their weak points. Do not be a hinderer where you should constantly be a helper.

HONOR BRIGHT.

What is greatness at best? Have you not realized that a man may be a great scholar, a great general, a great inventor, a great ruler or statesman, and know little happiness? Being great does not bring to man what the soul most yearns for. The popular admiration which begins vanity causes men to lose qualities which are most desirable—the candor and humility and honesty and love which tell for something more dependable and satisfying.

Do not worry about that boy or girl who is not in the academic classes. They are not doing so well in methods which are senseless and cruel in your attempt to cure them, for it has become a habit. The heart promptings are gentleness; nothing so gentle as real strength.

Do not deplore that your child is slow. He may be blessed, which is better.

Audubon was thrown out into the world at 12 years of age to make his own way. He and Humboldt, the great botanist, never knew there was such a word as botany in the dictionary until he was 19